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Title: POLYTHIOPHENE XEROGRAPHIC

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated July 17, 2001, for which a response is due on or before October 17, 2001

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-14, 17-19 and 21-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tarumi et al. in view of Jonas et al. and Newkirk. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants submit that the pending claims are not obvious in view of the cited combination. Applicants further submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine the teachings of Tarumi et al. and the secondary references. More specifically, Applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to place the polythiophene layer as taught by Jonas et al., on the substrate materials as taught by Tarumi et al. The Office Action does not point to any teachings in any of the references which would have motivated one